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Motivators visit kids in custody

by Connie Woodruff

Governor Christie Whitman is trying desperately to keep a campaign promise to change the way New Jersey deals with the problem of juvenile delinquency and incarcerated youths to make the system more effective.

State corrections officials embrace the concept of mentoring as one approach to the problem, while others in the field recommend "tough love" for parents and jailers. Consultants like Al Bundy Associates go directly to the core groups with motivational rap groups and round table discussions that give youth an opportunity to vent anger, frustration, uncertainty and fear of the future.

A couple of weeks ago about 70 youth from state-sponsored shelters in Essex County attended a motivational session at Rutgers University coordinated by Bundy Associates to explore the transition from incarceration to freedom.

Speakers included Richard Taylor, former mayor of Plainfield and present chief executive officer of the Second Street (Plainfield) Youth Center Foundation, Inc. (Taylor, a Vietnam veteran earned a Bronze Star for Valor, Purple Heart, Vietnam Combat Infantryman's Badge and Vietnam Service Medal in his military career and is a member of the national board of Operation PUSH).

Reverend Reginald Jackson, pastor of St. Matthew's AME Church in Orange and a founding member of the politically active Clergy of the Orange organization, Rev. Jackson is also a member of the City of Orange Township Board of Education, and chairman of Project Hands, a housing and neighborhood development service.

Also Salahuddin Abdul-Hamid, a volunteer Islamic youth counselor and businessman in Middletown and Essex County. Mr. Abdul-Hamid is a real estate investor, founder of New Man Consulting Services, Jamillah's Cutting-Up Hair Salon and is a job developer board member of the Greater Newark Business Men's Association.

William Danbey, president of National Time Security, a company that provides security services for some of the country's top entertainers, rounded out the quartet of motivators. Danbey has been private bodyguard to Chuck Berry, Michael Bolton, Sting, George Clinton, Madonna and John F. Kennedy, Jr.

Each of the men shared respective experiences with the youth who ranged in ages from 12 to 18. But the most enthusiastic response came from the four one-on-one 45 minute question and answer period with many of the young men talking about what led to their incarceration, peer pressure, teenage fatherhood and the pros and cons of incarceration as well as future prospects.

The presenters are alumni of the Million Man March which was discussed in depth as part of their commitment to "give back" to the community. Follow-ups are part of the counseling sessions.



CITY NEWS

PLAINFIELD MAYOR MARK FURY TO RUN FOR STATE SENATE

by Sandra Wright

PLAINFIELD—It was mentioned in brief passing in Connie Woodruff's *As I See It* column, and you may have read or heard it somewhere else. And yes, it is true, Plainfield's Mayor Mark A. Fury will be a political candidate for the seat vacated by now-Senator Bill Bradley in the next election.

Mayor Fury is new to the political arena, only just entering a part-time mayor in Plainfield in 1992, but feels that he is qualified to run for the senate.

In citing the Constitution's requirements for becoming a Senate candidate Fury stated, "The Constitution says in order to qualify to run for the United States Senate, you have to be 30 years old and a citizen. And if we wait around for someone to tell us that we are qualified enough, that we will never come."

The mayor stated that black people have to start accessing their own abilities, and step forward to take

their own opportunities. "I, and a thousand other people are qualified to run for this position, but I am the one that is stepping forward to do it."

Fury also cited his political experience as a factor for his qualification for the Senate position. "After 10 years as a corporate attorney, another 10 years as a community activist in this town, (Plainfield) my time as mayor and my position as second vice chairman of the Democratic State Committee those things together qualify me as a candidate."

Fury says he doesn't think that people should wait until they have sat in Congress for 10 years before they think they are qualified to pursue higher office.

When asked if the upcoming campaign wouldn't mean his "deserting" Plainfield to participate in the Senate race the mayor adamantly stated, "I don't think so. I don't see why any campaign would take anything away from my mayorship of Plainfield," Fury reported.

"The only thing it could really do is help Plainfield by bringing more positive press and more attention to the successes that we have enjoyed in the town."

"The time that the campaign will take will be my difficulty to work out. I have a job to do in Plainfield and it has been getting done on a part-time basis, and it will continue to get done on a part-time basis. I have other times that I can commit to this campaign. It will not affect my services to Plainfield."

To address the mayors who are already saying that he is only in this to gain national recognition the mayor said, "It is a serious run, I think that when you consider that black and white people are concerned about the same things, which are good education for their kids, financial security for their families, safe streets, etc., and I don't see my party offering any solutions, I don't see any reason why folks of all colors and of all classes wouldn't want to support our campaign."

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Plainfield Mayor Mark A. Fury

Whitman addresses Camden's high crime rate

TRENTON—Governor Christine Whitman recently issued a letter to the members of the Coalition Against Crime & Violence thanking them for their dedication in making the streets of Camden safer in the current rise of murders committed in the city this year.

In the letter Gov. Whitman wrote, "It is clear that swift and effective action must be taken to stop the lawlessness and senseless murders that have victimized all too many innocent people in this city. I think we would all agree that an important first step is to determine the factors contributing to Camden's violent crime

rate."

The governor also indicated that in recent weeks, and over the past several months, state law enforcement officials have been conferring with local, county and federal officials to discuss the issues and to develop strategies to combat crime, including strategies to get law enforcement and the city's citizen working together to prevent crime.

Law enforcement officials have determined that many of the murders are connected to illegal drug transactions and that juveniles often are involved in the drug trafficking. The governor stated, "I am told that ille-

gal drug dealers recruit juveniles because they work cheap, they don't require bail if they are arrested and are less likely to pay for their crimes with jail time."

A serious shortage of local detention space means many juveniles who should be detained are not. While the Camden County detention facility is approved to hold 36 juveniles, it averages as many as 85 juveniles on a typical day.

"Nevertheless, there is much we can and must do to reduce the crime rate and make the streets safer. Although an obvious reaction to the crime problem is to call for more

troops, let's first find out if that's a real answer. A look at current staffing levels suggest it might not be," Governor Whitman continued. Camden's current staffing is four officers per 1,000 population, compared to a Camden County average of 2.3 per 1,000 and a state average of 2.3 per 1,000. Statistics also show that arrests per officer in Camden City were down 21 percent in 1994 compared to 1993. They were also down 9 percent in Camden County, while arrests were up two percent overall in the state.

The reported governor that given these facts, law enforcement officials

are evaluating whether there may be ways to better deploy existing officers to the city's trouble spots at times when crimes are most likely to occur.

Attorney General Deborah T. Poritz is leading the state's efforts to develop sound strategies and recently met with Camden City Police Chief Bob Pugh. They agreed to work together to develop short and long term solutions.

At the Attorney General's direction, Terrence Farley, the director of the state's Division of Criminal Justice, and Col. Carl Williams, superin-

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Massive voter registration and turnout drive announced



The four leaders of the massive, year-long national voter registration drive aimed at increasing black voter registration and turnout are, from left, Dr. Dorothy Hight, President, National Council of Negro Women; Mrs. Myrtle Evers-Williams, Chairperson, National NAACP; Dr. C. DeLore Tucker, Chair, National Political Congress of Black Women; and Faye M. Anderson, Executive Director of the Council of 100.

WASHINGTON, DC—A newly formed coalition of African-American women's organizations announced recently a massive, year-long national voter registration and turnout drive, from November 1995 to November 1996. Planners intend to combat numerous conservative po-

litical moves that threaten black political and economic gains of recent decades.

The historic, nonpartisan coalition, called the Black Women's Voter Crusade, made its announcement at a highly spirited news conference during the 25th Annual Congressional

Black Caucus Foundation Legislative Weekend at the Washington Convention Center.

Key players in the coalition's efforts will be female African-American leaders from a wide variety of social, civic and social-service organizations, as well as those represent-

ing labor, civil-rights, religious, business, entertainment and professional groups.

Coalition organizers stressed that their efforts are intended to augment, not supplant, those of individual organizations such as the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), which

has already begun its own grassroots voter participation drive.

Mark V. Monteverdi, Manager, Public Programs, Philip Morris Companies Inc., was one of several male observers greatly impressed by the announcement of this historic campaign.

He said, "African-American women have long proven themselves as the effective creators of, and participants in, most of the organizations devoted to black progress. It is not surprising that African-American women, to meet this modern-day crisis, would move boldly in the spirit of Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth to protect our community."

Among the organizations that have joined the effort are the National Coalition on Black Voter Participation, the A. Philip Randolph Educational Fund, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), which earlier this year

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Black summit moves Million Man Marchers to next level

by William Reed

Just one month after they engineered the largest assemblage of black male activists in American history, Louis Farrakhan and Benjamin Chavis were back in Washington, this time hosting 500 grass-roots, and community leaders, most of whom do not yet have national stature as "black leaders." The people who came to the three-day National African-American Leadership Summit were heads of an assortment of black professional associations, fraternities and sororities, and community groups.

They came to discuss how to address, and introduce, a new agenda to

help cure Black America's ills in light of the shortcomings on the civil rights organizations and elected officials. In their workshops and seminars, in the nation's capital, they endorsed discussions on reparations, a black health care program, and agreed to pursue a tax-exempt trust. They welcomed some "established" black leaders and disdained others.

The president of the National Urban League was in attendance and urged the summit's attendees not to harbor animosity toward other racial groups. Hugh B. Price said black leaders must not lose sight of the benefits of multiracial coalitions or

stem in bitterness over past discrimination. "We must not wallow in resentment," Price said. "We have no time to hate." The Urban League's president was a keynote speaker at the summit in spite of the fact that he did not attend the march saying he stayed away because of controversy surrounding Farrakhan.

But now he says he embraces the goals of the march and summit, which aims to make African Americans more self-sufficient. As the summit adjourned, its leaders promised to implement an action agenda that includes reparations as well as economic development initiatives.

The summit agreed to pursue cre-

ation of a tax-exempt trust to provide seed money for black economic development projects. It also announced plans for a national black political convention next year, a national health care plan that would link black doctors and black health maintenance organizations and a public education campaign to attract more black organ donors.

Summit leaders hope to establish the Abundant Life Health Plan, an idea explained to the Million Man March by the Nation of Islam's health minister, Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad. "Everywhere you go, somebody is trying to sell you on a HMO or managed-care plan,

Muhammad told the summit, adding that black doctors should compete for that business. Muhammad said blacks spend \$140 billion a year on health care and black doctors are being squeezed out of the business by health maintenance organizations.

He said that members of the Nation of Islam, and others, could solicit customers for the health plan as they go from door to door across the nation in voter registration efforts. Muhammad said that the 16,000-member black doctors' group, the National Medical Association (NMA), had endorsed the idea. With the Million Man March and Men Only

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PEOPLE

Earl Farrow receives national service award



Earl Farrow

NEW BRUNSWICK—Earl Farrow, a Rutgers professor, has been recognized by the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations (NCEO) for providing support and serving as an advocate for groups underrepresented in American higher education.

Farrow, a resident of Newark, is a

professor of education at Rutgers' Graduate School of Education and is coordinator of Academic Achievement and Diversity Programs.

Farrow was presented the Walter O. Mason Award established by NCEO in 1988 to honor outstanding professionals in education who exemplify the life and ideals of Walter O. Mason Jr.

Mason worked with the TRIO program—the first three federal outreach programs established in the late 60s—as a senior program officer with the former U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Dallas. His inspiration and commitment helped to establish regional TRIO professional organizations throughout the nation.

TRIO programs serve students who meet federal guidelines, are the first in their families to attend college and are underrepresented in higher education.

Emmanuel named to All-State Soccer Team



Soccer star Wesley Emmanuel

Photo courtesy of UCC

CRANFORD—Wesley Emmanuel of Linden, co-captain of Union County College's soccer team, has been named to the first team of Division III, 1995 All-Garden State Men's Soccer Team. Emmanuel, a forward, was the only Union County College player selected for the statewide honor. Known for his "heart, determina-

tion, and good ball skills," as indicated by his coach, Duane Robinson, Emmanuel also has excellent speed and agility.

A native of Haiti, he emigrated to the U.S. in 1993, and continues playing the sport he has enjoyed since childhood in his native country. Emmanuel is a sophomore majoring in Engineering.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

JERSEY CITY—The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 will be the subject of a seminar in the Auditorium of The A. Harry Moore Laboratory School. For more info call 201-292-3136.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

EDISON—The Metuchen-Edison Branch of the NAACP is sponsoring its annual Freedom Fund Dinner at 7:30 p.m., 2663 Woodbridge Ave., call 908-549-7938.

CRANFORD—A seminar on "Stress Management" will be conducted from 8:10 to 10:10 p.m. at the Union County College's Cranford campus. For more info call 709-7600.

EDISON—The Metuchen-Edison Branch of the NAACP is sponsoring its annual Freedom Fund Dinner, at the Victorian Manor. For more info call 908-549-7938.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

MOUNTAIN SIDE—Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and Charity Drive from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Watching Stable, Summit Lane, Mountainide.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

PLAINFIELD—The Gentlemen Club of Plainfield High School presents a "All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast." 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, PHS Cafeteria, 950 Park

Ave.

NEW YORK—Fifth Annual Capital District Kwanzaa and Christmas Gift and Craft Show at the Sage Junior College of Albany Gymnasium. For more info call 518-465-2146.

DUNELLEN—51st Annual Christmas Village Cafeteria-style dinner. Shops open at 4, dinner served from 5-7 p.m. For more info call 908-668-1358.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
PLAINFIELD—Annual Miniature Show and Sale at du Cret School of the Arts. Opening reception from 2-4 p.m. For more info call 908-757-7171.

HOBOKEN—Holiday Crafts Fair at City Hall from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more info call 201-420-3207.

SOUTH ISELIN—A Christmas train show and sale. Large operating O Scale layout with animated accessories. For more info call 908-463-8696.

PLAINFIELD—The student council of the du Cret Art and Design will hold their Annual Miniature Show and Sale. For more info call 908-757-7171.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

EDISON—Coping with Loss During the Holiday Season forum offered by JFK's Haven Hospice Program. For more info call 908-321-7535.

NORTH PLAINFIELD—Gloria N. Pellos, a North Plainfield teacher, recently was selected from applicants statewide as one of fifteen participants in a week-long scholar-lead residential seminar. The seminar "Holding Up Half the World: Women and Community." is led by Lillie Johnson Edwards, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History and Director of African-American Studies at Drew University and will guide New Jersey teachers in an intensive examination of the wealth of information that has been developed in the area of women's studies over the past two decades.

Pelios selected for educational seminar



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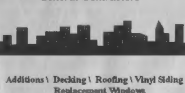
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NATION

Senators propose welfare reform compromise

National News
at a glanceNATIONAL BLACK
PRESS TAKES GLOVES
OFF OVER NIGERIA

In an editorial, the Frost Illustrated newspaper has called for "Taking the Gloves Off, Abacha Must Go." The editorial read, "Randal Robinson has been saying the US and the world community must take the gloves off and hammer the regime of Nigerian Gen. Sani Abacha. Members of the National Negro Publishers Association recently returned from the West African nation supporting the progress toward democratic, free elections and civilian rule being made there. They have chastised Robinson for lobbying the US government to treat Nigeria harshly, in the manner of Haiti prior to the return of President Aristide. Nigeria's true colors were shown when Abacha executed award winning journalist Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other activists fighting for the rights of Ogoni people. It is time to put a heel on Sani Abacha... the opposition needs an option he cannot refuse, one similar to that given the thugs in Haiti."

In a response, National Newspaper Publishers Association executive director William Reed, who visited Nigeria with a Black Press delegation, said: "The Frost editorial writer should pay close attention to words written by James Baldwin. I even think in the language of my oppressor. The Frost writer was simply mouthing words he received via the white press. Saro-Wiwa gained international acclaim with letters from jail, much the same way as did Mumia Abu-Jamal in Pennsylvania. Neither of these media people is without some warms regarding the charges made against them. If the Frost writer had checked the facts he would know much that was written about Saro-Wiwa in the European and U.S. press is not true. He should also know that the four people who were killed were then burned and, in one case, eaten. Who was responsible for that? His desire to have colonial forces 'put a heel' on Abacha, as happened in returning Haiti to Aristide, smacks of ignoring Nigeria's sovereignty giving white people a license to do what they've been doing to blacks for centuries. He should also note that the same week Saro-Wiwa was hanged six opposition activists were killed in 'democratic' Haiti."

—WASHINGTON, DC

BLACK PUBLISHER
JOINS USAIR BOARD

Robert W. Bogle publisher of the oldest black-oriented newspaper in America has been appointed a member of the board of directors of USAir, the nation's largest airline. Bogle, who is immediate past president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and publisher of the 111-year-old Philadelphia Tribune newspaper, joined USAir's board on Nov. 28, 1995.

—WASHINGTON, DC

BLACKS
PARTICIPATION IN
RAPE SINKS ADMIRAL

The admiral who commanded all U.S. forces in the Pacific Ocean was forced into retirement over three black servicemen who are accused of raping a 12-year-old Japanese girl. Adm. Richard C. Mackie threw the White House into a fit enough to torpedo him when he said, "For the cost of the rental car they could have had a girl." After tough decisions between Clinton officials and highest levels of the Pentagon, Mackie was dumped for "making a serious mistake," said the White House. Mackie had stated the three should have used a prostitute. A 22-year-old black Navy seaman has admitted raping the girl and two Marine privates have admitted to abducting the girl but maintain they had no part in the rape. Actually, according to the lawyer of one of the defendants, the three discussed hiring a prostitute but the Navy seaman said he had no money and proposed the rape instead.

—WASHINGTON, DC

DAYTIME TV TALK
SHOWS: A VAST
WASTELAND?

In Washington, many members of Congress are determined to clean up

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WASHINGTON, DC—In an effort to avert a deadlock on welfare reform, Senators Bill Bradley (D-NJ) and Kent Conrad (D-ND) said President Bill Clinton should consider a compromise that would allow states to choose between Conrad's welfare reform bill and the Republican block grant welfare plan. Conrad's plan, known as the "Work and Gainful Employment (WAGE) Act," was introduced in the Senate several months ago.

In a letter to President Clinton Conrad said he was concerned by a

new administration analysis that showed the welfare reform plan being proposed by Republicans would push an estimated 1.2 million children into poverty.

"While welfare reform must emphasize work and personal responsibility, it must also protect the most vulnerable children in society from malnutrition, under education and poverty," Conrad and Bradley wrote.

They also noted many governors were concerned the Republican block grant approach would be insufficient to achieve necessary reforms, espe-

cially in cases of economic downturns or a natural disaster like a flood or earthquake. Conrad proposed a compromise so states could choose between the Republican block grant proposal and an alternative based on his WAGE Act.

"By combining our approach with the block grant approach passed by the Senate we believe the welfare system can be fundamentally changed this year without thrusting 1.2 million children into poverty," both senators noted.

The WAGE Act has four ma-

jor goals which would require people receiving welfare benefits to work or to get training that will lead to work. The act would also protect children, maximize state flexibility and promote family togetherness.

Conrad said the WAGE plan would allow states to design their own welfare programs and to do so without the risk that a natural disaster

or economic collapse will prevent them from providing aid to children and families.

Conrad also pointed out that if his proposal had been included in the Senate version of the welfare reform bill, it would have saved about \$58 billion over the next seven years, according to an estimate by the Congressional Budget Office.

NMBC plans trade
mission to South Africa

NEW YORK—The National Minority Business Council's International Trade Program will be taking a trade mission to Johannesburg, South Africa on March 9 through 17, 1996. The mission which is expected to comprise of NMBC members and non-member minority firms, will also have an opportunity of visiting other cities in South Africa.

The objective of the trade mission is to provide an opportunity for minority and women-owned companies to explore business opportunities in the new South Africa.

What makes this trade mission unique and quite special is the technical support and matchmaking to be

provided by the NMBC and our partner organization in Johannesburg, the Small Business Development Corporation," stated Kathryn Leary, director of the NMBC International Trade Program.

Emphasis will be placed on matching participating firms from America with South African companies, for them to enter into joint-ventures and trading relations. "We want for the companies that go to South Africa with us to come away with established and profitable business connections," added John F. Robinson, president and CEO of the NMBC. For further information contact Kathryn Leary at the 212-573-2385.

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EDITORIAL Black Political National Convention Needed to Give Black Voters Choices

For years there has been concern among black voters that Democrats take them for granted and Republicans want to use an anti-black agenda (anti-affirmative action, anti-special contracting opportunities with the federal government, anti-economic development of urban centers etc.) as their raison d'être to solidify the Republicans as the party of the white right. Basically, the black voter has been "rope-a-doped" by both parties.

Since the Million Man March, black political leaders are considering holding a national convention. We agree with those leaders who favor a black political convention. It's time to put together a platform that will improve the economic conditions of black Americans.

Although blacks have always wanted to be a part of the two party agenda, neither party has valued black voters as a block that must be economically developed. It's time to break the chain of economic disinterest and elect responsive leadership whether they are black or white, Democrat or Republican.

A Different Voice

by Michael Blackman

Despite all the last minute hype, people the ads in the papers and convoluted press conferences and non-endorsements from people and groups who thought themselves to be important and influential. And despite the tallying of the National Park Service, I watched on TV my own favored eyes, close to, if not exceeding, two million African-American people attend a march on Washington, DC on October 16, 1995.

In addition, despite the primary fear statements generated from people who did not want to see that happen, over a million free in their souls, clear in their minds, African-American people, the majority of whom were men, from all walks of life, proclaimed, day of atonement October 16, 1995, in Washington, DC.

Instead of accepting the fear tactics, those of us who wish to be free might ask ourselves, why the desire among some to be detractors?

Let's examine some of the reasons. Of course we all know that the name Louis Farrakhan produced the most debate. It was said that there were Jewish participants in the slave trade and in the Holocaust.

In addition, he has suggested that some of the wealth amassed by some Jewish merchants was gained from business enterprises in the black community.

Farrakhan also suggested that they charged more for their products than they were worth and that they took this money and bank neighborhoods outside the communities that provided the profit. He didn't say this of one ethnic race but he says that this is also true of others, such as Jews, Orientals, Caucasians and Vietnamese.

His purpose in saying these things was to inspire African-American people to support the businesses that are self-oriented. It needs to be said that so far, nobody has said that when Mr. Farrakhan said is not true, but just that he shouldn't have said it.

We need to examine that, especially those such as Jesse Jackson and Johnny Carson who, in making statements, have been proven anti-Semitic as well. Jewish people and African people share a common Semitic history. If you don't believe me, read the Bible.

If Biblical history is not sufficient, just consider the loss of six million lives in the Holocaust as well as 150 million lives during slavery including the Middle East passage.

The difficulty African and Jewish people have in working together is enhanced when we refuse to recognize that a loss of lives is equally important when one cares what the ethnicity is of those whose lives are lost. We share a mutual responsibility.

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by Connie Woodruff

The death of Clara E. Dasher, assistant to Newark Teachers Union (NTU) president, Carole Graves has left a void in labor circles throughout the state.

Dasher wanted to lead the union but she shared every aspect of the good and the controversial of the NTU for two decades as Graves' alter ego. She was the soft sell to her bossing hard sell. Together they were a winning team for most of the 19 years she worked for the NTU.

Ms. Dasher, a native of Jersey City received a degree in health education from Jersey City State College in 1950 and earned bachelor and master of science degrees from Newark State College.

She taught elementary school in Newark from 1959 to 1973 when she quit the classroom for a full time position with the union.

In the early 1970s she served on the Mayor's Education Task Force in East Orange and on the board of trust-

ees of the North Jersey Community Union and the Essex County Urban League. She was the second woman to lead the Essex County State chapters of the A. Philip Randolph Institute black labor organizations.

She served longer than any trustee as president of the Essex County College board of trustees and was a member of the State Advisory Committee to the Civil Rights Commission, the Governor's Commission of Public Responsibility for Educational Success and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission. In 1985 she received the governor's award as Labor Person of the Year.

Ms. Dasher's calm, quiet demeanor was misleading. She was a woman of indomitable courage and determination. Although she was often critically ill and hospitalized many times in the last 10 years of her life she rarely, if ever, complained.

She would tell friends who were aware of her illness that a busy schedule look her mind off the cancer she fought so valiantly for the better part

of a decade.

Clara Dasher was truly a living profile in courage and the fact that labor leaders from around the country attended her funeral services spoke volumes for the woman who gave so much to the labor movement at home and abroad.

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Roger "Dot" Fields, the self-proclaimed millionaire who sold millions of people in New Jersey in the 1980s is on his way to jail for swindling Harlem residents out of \$80,000. A Supreme Court Judge sentenced Fields to a prison term of between eight and 18 years after he was found guilty of taking a payoff from people he promised to obtain housing for in a city-suburban building.

Fields is also having a hard time making some people believe he has AIDS and that he may not have long to live. Said one man, "It's just an excuse for him to stay out of jail or to get special treatment in jail. He's not too sick to con folks out of their money."

When he lived in East Orange while John Hatcher was mayor, "Doc" touted himself as a millionaire and lived luxuriously. He hosted meat parties, wore mink, entertained on his helicopter and was chauffeured around in Mercedes Benz.

We visited often by telephone despite my saying I didn't believe a word he said. He was taken in by his so-called millionaire status. He would laugh and say I stop wasting my time trying to convince his "friends" in social and political circles he was a common, ordinary "con man."

He was right: The man was so good at his craft I lost a couple of friendships of people who today insist they only hung out with Doc to "see how he would go on."

Well for a while it appears he will be out of harms way. But then he's only 46 and will have some good years left in his released. When that day comes my bet is that Doc won't have learned a lesson. Most likely he'll be back playing the same old game making life miserable for some unsuspecting poor slob.

FROM CAPITOL HILL

by Asika Muhammad

Corporate racism is becoming so unacceptable to black consumers in the Washington, DC area, that grievous errors by one company can rub off on another.

Some blacks, angry at Eddie Bauer for an unconscionable racist incident involving one of the store's security guards, are ready to take their anger on all products associated with the clothing manufacturer.

Meanwhile, after receiving numerous complaints from area consumers, Eddie Bauer Co., based in Seattle, announced recently that it will apologize to two black youths who were harassed by off-duty Prince George's County police officers working as store security guards.

Sixteen-year-old Alonzo Jackson and his friend Rasheed Paul were

shopping at an Eddie Bauer clothing outlet in Fort Washington, PA, when an off-duty Prince George's police officer allegedly demanded that Jackson show him first the label on the shirt he was wearing, then demanded a receipt for it.

Jackson told the cop he bought the shirt the day before, and was not carrying his proof of purchase around in his pocket. "Well, I'll tell you what," the cop is reported by columnist Courtney Miller as saying, "Why don't you take the shirt off and go home and get the receipt." Jackson's friend Plummer told him not to take off the shirt, but another cop got involved, and the young man submitted to this ultimate "strip search," took off his shirt, went home and found his receipt.

After first complaining about press inquiries, then describing the incident as a "police matter," and a "minor incident," Eddie Bauer officials finally issued a statement indicating they are "extremely concerned about the way this incident was han-

dled."

The company pointed out that it happened at a temporary promotion sale, and involved temporary security employees. And of course, if you haven't figured it out already, both youths are African-American. The cops are white. Ford Motor Company officials told me that its corporate decision makers were "unaware of the incident."

Ford's Explorer is the best-selling sport utility vehicle in the U.S., the Bronco is another popular model and Ford's F-Series trucks have been the best-selling vehicles, car or truck, in the country for 12 years.

Attorney Donald Temple, whose firm is representing the Jackson family, told Soul on Wheels that it has several similar cases in its portfolio. Including the case of a woman arrested recently at a Nordstrom store in Virginia suburb, who claims she was dragged into a back room by cops who told her: "O.J., you're going to jail this time!"

Another horrendous case in-

volves notorious Prince George's County Sheriff's deputies and the Dean of the Howard University's Blackburn Student Center—Roberta McClood.

Ms. McClood was acquitted recently of four criminal charges filed against her when she was punched and beaten by three deputies on Easter Sunday, April 16, McClood and her 10-year-old son were at the Sheriff's station to pick up the boy's father who had been arrested and was set to be released on a motor vehicle violation.

While discussing their differing views of citizens' Constitutional rights, the white deputy grabbed her collar and punched her in the eye just as she was telling him: "It's funny you should mention the Constitution. When it was written black people and women were not recognized under it. That's why we have so many amend..."

Which leaves us wondering, are these cases symptoms of police insensitivity or of corporate neglect?

ALONG THE COLOR LINE

Part one of a two-part series

by Dr. Manning Marable

A central reason for the success of the Million Man March and its popularity among a clear majority of African-American men, was the general recognition that blacks were faced with an unprecedented crisis within the U.S. political and economic system.

Politically, both major parties had largely repudiated the legacy of Civil Rights reforms and the social welfare expenditures of the great society; while politicians were engaged aggressively against affirmative action, minority economic set-aside programs, and majority-black legislative districts.

Within the deep structure of the political economy and legal apparatus, blacks were caught within a vise characterized by unemployment, growing social inequality and imprisonment. Indeed, the single most important material reality of American society in the 1990s is the vast polarization of classes, the unprecedented rise in personal incomes and profits among a small minority of American households, and the expansion of social misery, falling incomes and inequality for the majority of the population of the country.

We can measure rising inequality by comparing family incomes. Between 1980 and 1992, for the bottom 25 percent of all U.S. families in terms of average incomes, their share of the total national income fell from 7.6 percent to 6.5 percent. Real average annual incomes for the bottom 25 percent, adjusted by inflation, fell sharply from \$12,359 in 1980 to \$11,530 12 years later.

By sharp contrast, for the upper

Inequality and imprisonment

25 percent of all U.S. families, their share of the total national income rose between 1980 and 1992 from 48.2 percent to 51.3 percent. Their real average family incomes increased from \$28,800 to \$39,100.

But this actually underestimates the income inequality inside the U.S. One recent study by economist Lynn A. Karoly found that those in the top 10 percent of all incomes earned 5.6 times as much per hour in 1992 as did workers in the bottom 10 percent. And when we measure total net wealth rather than salaries or wages, an even sharper class division becomes clear.

As of 1993, the top one percent of all income earners in the U.S. had a greater combined net wealth than the bottom 95 percent of all income earners. In short, a small number of individuals—two to three million—now rich made 30 times as much as the poor, \$88.3 billion compared with \$2,793.

Millions of middle-income households are forced to have three or more income earners, just to stay even. Millions more have been pushed into unemployment and poverty, while for America's privileged and powerful elite, things have never been better. The conservative political agenda of the 1980s and 1990s, from Reaganism to New Gingrich's "Contract With America," rests fundamentally on this core reality of escalating, expanding inequality. The inequalities have to hide these statistics, or at minimum, blame the victims of white working class people on the behavior of blacks, Latinos and other people of color. "Race" is deliberately manipulated to obscure class inequality, and to deflect reasons of poverty, unemployment and social unrest.

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poorest have two cents. The identical profile of inequality exists in every American city. In Los Angeles, the median annual incomes of the poorest fifth and the wealthiest fifth in 1992 were \$6,821 vs. \$123,098, respectively.

In Chicago, the median annual income gap was \$4,743 vs. \$86,632. In Detroit, the difference was \$3,109 vs. \$63,625. And in Orleans Parish, in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, the rich made 30 times as much as the poor, \$88.3 billion compared with \$2,793.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

SOMERVILLE—"Curious George" at Harrison Valley Community College at 10 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. For more info call 908-218-8869.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

DUNELLEN—Lunch with Santa at the Dunellen United Methodist Church. For more info call 752-7437.

THRU DECEMBER 11

JERSEY CITY—"The Adolescent in Literature" program at Jersey City State College from 4:30 - 6:50 p.m. every Monday. For more info call 201-200-2120.

THRU DECEMBER 17

MONTCLAIR—Gifted and talented youth classes at Montclair State University from 8:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more info call 201-685-4144/4280.

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Students create Kwanzaa mural at Menlo Mall

PLAINFIELD—Holiday shoppers at the Menlo Park Mall in Edison, will get a little experience of Kwanzaa from a mural painted by Plainfield's Hubbard Middle School students.

Ninety students volunteered to paint the mural after mall organizers selected the school to participate in its mural project.

During the first week of the project before the mural was created, students spent time in the school library researching the seven principles associated with Kwanzaa, then they spent two weeks on a design. They were then organized into groups of five to create the design. The mural will be on display throughout the holiday season.

Explore the world of the Penguin



Thirteen/WNET's NATURE presents The World of Penguins, a program which brings to light the rich diversity of these fascinating birds. Premiering Sunday, December 3 at 8 p.m. on PBS the program features glimpses of rare species and their breeding habits. Dramatic underwater footage illustrates how perfectly penguins adapted to a life below sea. Check local listings.

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One's work may be finished some day, but one's education never.

—Alexandre Dumas, pere

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East Orange welcomes Ghanaian exchange students



Ghanaian exchange students Augustine Asare Ampofo (l) and Gloria Yirenkyl.

Holiday fun for kids

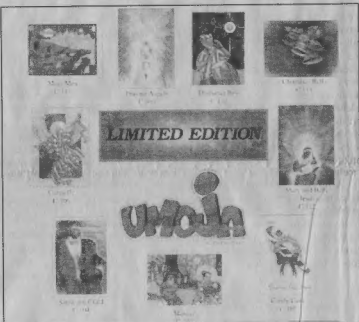
WESTFIELD—On Friday, December 1, Union County 4-H will hold a holiday ornament making workshop for youth, ages 7 and older. Children will have an opportunity to choose how many and which ornaments they wish to make.

The workshop will be held at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension auditorium, on North Avenue East, in Westfield from 7 to 9 p.m. All children must be accompanied by a parent.

Enrollment is limited to 40 children and parents so reservations can be made in advance a 908-654-9854. Admission to the program will be a canned food which will be donated to the local foodbank.

Ornaments will range in price from \$1 to \$3. Only cash will be taken that evening.

Baltimore youth operate greeting card company



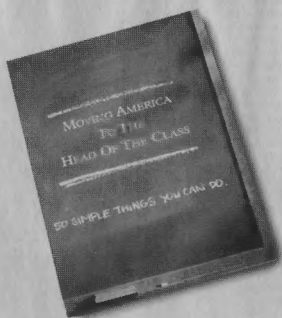
BALTIMORE, MD—The Umoja Children Inc., a nonprofit African-American greeting card company, owned and operated by Baltimore youth has presented a classic collection of 1995 Christmas/Kwanzaa cards to help bring joy and happiness to loved ones throughout this holiday season.

Cards are adorned with African-

inspired images of the Three Wise Men, Kwanzaa, angels and much more. Cards are sold \$15 per box for \$11. For additional information and to order holiday cards please call 410-523-7935.

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EAST ORANGE—East Orange is serving as host to two Ghanaian students who are participants in the East Orange/Akroping Sister City Exchange Student Program. The students, Augustine Asare Ampofo and Gloria Yirenkyl are from the city of Akroping in the Akwapem region of Ghana, West Africa.

During their stay, Mr. Ampofo and Ms. Yirenkyl will be living with Lorna K. Johnson, Director of the East Orange Department of Policy, Planning and Development and will serve as interns with East Orange General Hospital and the East Orange Primary Care Center.

In 1993, East Orange established

a sister city relationship with Akroping which supports a medical clinic and community library in the Akroping.

"I am proud our city is providing an educational and cultural opportunity for the young citizens of our sister city Akroping," said Mayor Cooper. "I am confident this will be a rewarding experience not only for Ms. Yirenkyl and Mr. Ampofo, but for the city as well."

This is their first trip outside of Ghana. Yirenkyl, a student at the Presbyterian Training College in Akroping is nursing intern at East Orange General Hospital. "I find the most appealing thing about America

is the chance to know its people, their culture and way of life and their educational system."

Ampofo is a student at the Presbyterian Boys Secondary School and is assigned to the East Orange Primary Care center. He is pursuing a career as a medical officer. "I see it as an honor and a blessing to be chosen out of so many good students in Akroping," Ampofo said regarding his selection.

During their stay, the students will meet with New Jersey government and elected officials, travel to Washington and take a college tour of North Carolina colleges. Next summer two East Orange students will intern in Akroping.

Girl Scout council launches AIDS awareness campaign

EAST BRUNSWICK—The Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council launched the C.A.R.E. AIDS Awareness Patch Program in an effort to prevent the spread of AIDS.

The patch program, offered to girls from the Browne Girl Scout level through the ranks of adult volunteers, will provide hands-on experiences that will be age-appropriate.

The C.A.R.E. AIDS Awareness Patch Program is a collaboration between the American Red Cross, The Hyacinth Foundation and several agencies that focus on individuals diagnosed with HIV or AIDS.

"The best way to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS is through education that is based on the facts," explained Mary Hirsch, spokeswoman.

for the Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council. "We have already begun the education process by educating all staff through a comprehensive training program led by the Hyacinth Foundation."

All leaders will receive mandatory professional training before taking this program to the troop level. Parents will be included in all levels of training and must give parental permission.

Older Girl Scouts, ages 15 and 16, can increase their leadership skills by applying for a scholarship through the Girl Scout council, for the HIV 101 course offered through the American Red Cross.

Each girl who earns the HIV 101 certificate will be responsible for

bringing their new-found knowledge to Girl Scouts in the younger age levels.

Other activities included in the campaign are Baby Bundles and Adopt-A-Friend service projects. Baby Bundles are new items used specifically for children and babies with HIV/AIDS. Troops will be collecting new items, such as diapers, formula, bottles, bath items and toys, and placing them into a "bundle" to be collected in February and March 1996.

The Adopt-A-Friend program will involve a troop identifying a child or baby diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, sending them birthday cards, organizing a birthday party, visiting whenever possible, etc. For further information, contact Mary Hirsch at 908-821-9090.

State bar foundation sponsors law fair for elementary schools

NEW BRUNSWICK—Do you have an interest in how the law works,

or maybe you're thinking about being a lawyer when you grow up? Well you can get a jump on it right now.

New Jersey students and teachers in grades three through six are invited to exercise their creativity and at the same time enhance their understanding of the justice system by participating in the

New Jersey State Bar Foundation's Fifth Annual Law Fair Competition.

To enter the competition, students and teachers must write an original mock trial case on any subject in accordance with rules and procedures available from the State Bar Foundation.

The deadline to enter the competition is January 31, 1996. Sixteen winners will be selected statewide and will perform their original cases

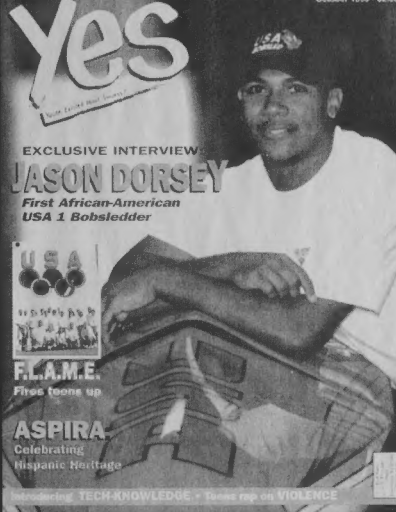
before judges and/or lawyers at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick next April.

All elementary schools, both public and private, are eligible to enter. There is no entry fee.

For further information, call 1-800-FREE-LAW or 908-937-7519, or write to Law Fair '96 Competition, New Jersey State Bar Foundation, One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1500.

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HEALTH CALENDAR

MONTHLY
UNION—HIV/AIDS Caregiver support group every 2nd and 4th Thursday at Union Hospital GRAND Center at 7 p.m. For more info call 908-686-3117.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
MONTCLAIR—The Women's Center at Montclair University will present a workshop on "Menopause: The Phase That Can Refresh." For more info call 201-655-5114.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
BERGEN-PASSAIC—The Greater North Jersey Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will hold its fourth annual "Bow & Stroll" from 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. in four locations. For more info on a location near you call 201-967-5599.

ATTENTION
PLAINFIELD—Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center offers community health education classes and support groups for cancer, childhood, Laman, diabetes. For more info call 908-686-2000.

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
ENGLEWOOD—A gospel celebration benefit featuring Donald Malloy. For more info call 201-343-6343.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26
WATCHUNG—Trazze Prayer at Mount Saint Mary from 4:30 to 6 p.m. For more info call 908-774-4555.

DECEMBER 1-3
ASBURY PARK—Tambourines to Glory by Langston Hughes at Saint Augustine's Episcopal Church. For more info and times call 908-774-3069.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
SUMMIT—Burrill Christie presents An English Christmas. This event will take place at Morrow Memorial Methodist Church. For more info call 201-762-8468.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
NEW YORK—World Watch's Sunday Gospel Brunch Cruises set sail with the soulful sounds of "The Halleluiah Choir." For more info call 212-630-8100.

PLAINFIELD—A special Candlelight Communion Service focusing on the true meaning of Christmas. For more info call 908-756-5322.

Vendors and talent needed

CRANFORD—Vendors and entertainers are being sought for the Union County College Pre-Kwanzaa Festival, scheduled to be held from on Friday, December 8 in the Roy W. Smith Theater on the Cranford campus.

The free Pre-Kwanzaa Festival will highlight the West African tradition of Kwanzaa that coincides with the Christmas holiday season. Guest speaker will be Hassan Kamaul Salim, director of the Black Gold African Cultural Arts Center, Plainfield.

A former resident of Tanzania and a graduate of bachelor's and master's degree programs in African Studies and History, Salim is a professor of African and African-American History at Rutgers University's Livingston College, Piscataway. He is one of the few teachers of hieroglyphics or ancient Egyptian writing in America, who presents his teachings from an Afro-centric perspective.

Rental fees for are \$20 for a four-foot table and \$25 for a six-foot table. For more information, call Linda Waldo, Union of African Students adviser, at 908-709-7123.

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Newark receives state award for recycling program

NEWARK—Mayor Sharpe James recently announced that the city of Newark has received an award for Outstanding Achievement in Recycling from the Association of New Jersey Recycles on behalf of the state's Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

The award, recognizing outstanding performance in the operation, design and efficiency of a recycling program, was presented by NJDEP Commissioner Robert C. Shinn at the New Jersey Recycling Symposium and Award Luncheon held in Princeton.

Newark, which has a recycling rate of over 50 percent, began a major citywide curbside recycling pro-

gram in 1989 where collections have increased from 100 tons per month to 1000 tons per month.

"We greatly appreciate this important recognition by the Association of New Jersey Recycles and the State Department of Environmental Protection," James said. "As the cost of solid waste disposal has risen, the City of Newark has saved millions by turning to recycling solid waste and purchasing recycled goods."

With the cost of solid waste disposal rising dramatically (from \$450,000 in 1980 to as much as \$21.5 million in 1989), the city found that solid waste reduction is smart, both

from an environmental and an economic perspective. As a result, Newark developed an aggressive recycling campaign, spending \$2 million on the program.

The campaign began in 1986 when the James administration took office, and the city published its "Waste Utilization Study," a recycling master plan. A recycling coordinator was then hired, along with two recycling specialists and a support staff.

The Office has developed programs for recycling municipal office paper, leaves, tires, white goods (refrigerators, washing machines and etc.), abandoned vehicles, corrugated

cardboard, the curbside collection of household recyclable and recycling education.

Newark began its curbside collection of recyclables on December 7, 1987 when some residents were required to separate their newspapers from other trash. Beginning in 1987, the program included curbside pickup of mixed glass and metal and aluminum cans, as well as newspapers, throughout the City.

Reusable containers for storage and collection of recyclables, along with information on their use, are regularly distributed to Newark residents. Since October 1991, Newark has been collecting every type of recyclable

material weekly, where the City once alternated between collecting newspapers one week and mixed glass and metal another.

The City began a \$150,000 education program prior to the launch of curbside recycling. This includes a full-time education coordinator who develops programs, including slide presentations, to educate school-aged children about recycling.

The education program consists of a direct mail bilingual brochure, "Sort It Out. It's as easy as 1,2,3," which contains a map of residents' specific collection areas, a list of streets within the collection area and a color-coded schedule of pick-up days.

Library co-sponsors Health Awareness Days

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library and Libraries for the Future, a Library advocacy group, are co-sponsoring two Health Awareness Days to enable patrons to discover the wealth of health information and community health resources available at libraries.

The events will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, at the Weequahic branch library,

and Thursday, December 7 at the North End branch.

Both days will feature free programs for adults and children. Adult programs will include how to choose an HMO, healthy cooking, effective parenting, applying for cost-saving energy and prescription drug programs etc.

For children, there will be videos and presentations on germs and hy-

giene, how to make emergency 911 calls, and drug abuse prevention and its consequences.

Free health screenings for adults and children will also be conducted. Tests for lead, asthma, diabetes and hypertension will be given for children in UMDNJ's Kid Care Van. Adults can receive diabetes and hypertension screenings.

The Health Awareness Days are part of the Newark Community Health Information Project, a collaborative effort of The Newark Public Library, health organizations throughout Newark. For more information, call Robert Clark/The Newark Public Library at 201-733-7837, or Caryn Rogoff/Libraries for the Future at 201-659-5022.

Christmas luncheon slated for East Orange seniors

EAST ORANGE—During the upcoming holiday season senior citizens residing in East Orange will be feted to an artistically crafted ice sculpture and a sumptuous luncheon during the Fifth Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon.

The event slated for Friday, December 8, is sponsored by the City of East Orange and hosted by the Mayor Cardell Cooper. A city-wide invitation is extended to senior citizens who reside in East Orange.

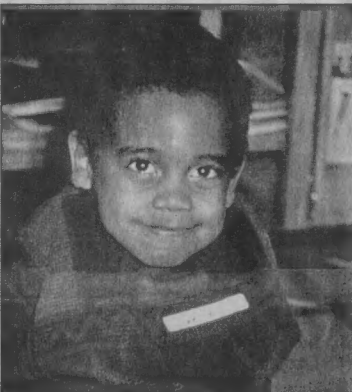
During the holiday season it is important that seniors, particularly those without immediate families remain socially active by interacting with

other people. Holidays are always special, but each of us has an obligation to assist seniors throughout the year. We can help by running errands, or just by picking up the phone to check on them," the Mayor said.

This year's luncheon will be held at Sir Richards Emporium located at 20-26 Main Street in Orange between North Harrison and Oak Streets. Free parking is available. The luncheon will run from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

East Orange senior citizens who would like to attend the luncheon must respond ahead of time. To RSVP or request transportation call the Division of Senior Citizens at 201-266-5226.

1996 Calendar of Black Children available



WASHINGTON, DC—The past meets the future in the 1996 Calendar of Black Children, a handsome work of art overflying with historical facts saluting four centuries of African American achievement; inspiring poetry and guiding words to encourage children; and positive images cel-

ebrating the African-American future—the children.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

MONTCLAIR—“Joy in Every Land” presented by the ALLNATIONS Dance Co. Multicultural troupe performs traditional dances from around the world with authentic music and colorful costumes. For ticket info call 201-744-1717.

THRU DECEMBER 3

NEW YORK—New Federal Theatre presents Leslie Uggams and Adam Wade in J.E. Franklin's “Black Girl.” Further info call 212-598-0400 from 12 noon-3:00.

THRU DECEMBER 17

ELIZABETH—The Elizabethan Playhouse presents “The Petrified Forest,” by Robert Emmet Sherwood. For more info call 355-0077.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

NEW YORK—“In the City, Snow is Glistening” at the Museum of the City of New York. For more info call 212-534-1672.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

NEWARK—Bus Trip to see “Dreamgirls” in NYC. Bus departs from Essex County College at 7 p.m. For more info call 201-877-3208.

NEW YORK—Jazz at Lincoln Center presents “Afro Cuban Jazz,” an evening with Chico O'Farrill. For more info call 212-717-6500.

MONTCLAIR—The Mainstage Theatre at Montclair University presents “Dancing at Lughnass.” For more info call 201-655-5112.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

METUCHEN—Celebrate 100 years of Oscar Hammerstein with the Forum Theatre's production of “A Grand Night For Singing.” For more info call 908-548-0582.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

NEWARK—Bus Trip to see “Radio City Christmas Spectacular” in NYC. Bus departs from Essex County College at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 201-877-3208.

Roll of Thunder... to air on AHN



NEW YORK, NY—The African Heritage Movie Network (AHN), hosted by film legends Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, presents the emotionally-charged and tender family series, *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* as part of AHN's “Movie of the Month” series.

“An evocative drama much like *Roots* and *Southern*, *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* is an encouraging story of integrity and independence,” said AHN co-host, Ossie Davis.

A conspiracy consummated with arson, the movie details how a menacing landowner was investigating a scheme to force Cassie Logan's family to sell their farmland that had been in their family for three generations.

Starring Morgan Freeman as Hammer and Janet MacLachlan as Mama, this is a powerful portrayal of an African-American family's

courage and love for one another as they struggle to keep what is rightfully theirs during the 1930's depression-era in the South and also captures the essence of a close-knit family living in the tense climate of racist Mississippi.

Despite the terrifying events which took place, Cassie played by Lark Ruffin and her family managed to hold on through the inspirations of their parents' strength and spirit, Cassie and her brothers learned a vital lesson: to stand up for their rights and what they believed in.

According to co-host, Ruby Dee, “*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* demonstrates how love and loyalty can serve as an undying source of strength and inspiration in the face of tremendous adversity.”

The African Heritage Movie Network's “Movie of the Month” is sponsored by AT&T.

Capleton, sowing seeds of enlightenment

NEW YORK, NY—In his hometown of Kingston, Jamaica and points far beyond, roots reggae and Rasta renaissance man Capleton is already a living legend.

In fact, like Peter Tosh, who many compare him to, and whose influence he proudly acknowledges, Capleton is the substance of Capleton's “culture conscious” lyrics decry the corruption and immortality abounding in the world today. And, he insists, he'll continue to go against the grain, artistically attacking social ills and economic inequalities in the language of the streets with no apology. Proof-positive is his phat debut *Dee Dee* album *Prophecy*, featuring his #1 international dance hall smash *Tour* which recently received “Single of the Year” honors at the Caribbean Music Awards in New York.

Unlike the revered or reviled “gun” lyrics that still dominate dance hall, *Tour*, delivered in Capleton-distinctive in-your-face culture kickin' style, takes the higher moral ground. Maintaining its hard-core edge, its raw spirit offers the black nation positive direction, pride and self-esteem. It also takes to task the many negative forces out to destroy the black race.

Capleton's record includes *Heavenly Rage*, *Babylon Judgement*, *Send Them Home*, *Wings of the Morning*, *See From Afar*, and, as a bonus, a dynamic *Tour* remix, collectively make this incredible album's sum total even greater than its individual parts.

Why? Because Capleton seamlessly sows the seeds of spiritual enlightenment, social change and black revolution within an irresistible musical context that defies any-

one to ignore him. An amazing artist, he's not considered the #1 dance hall dj in the world for nothing.

Born April 13, 1967 and raised in rural Islington, St. Mary, Clifton



Bailey a/k/a Capleton, was a trouble-some member of a huge extended family. From the age of 12, when he would sneak out to go to the dances, he knew sooner or later music would be his life and salvation. At 18 he moved with relatives to Kingston, where the real reggae action was.

Supporting himself through odd jobs and practicing his dj skills with neighborhood sound systems on a regular basis, he eventually was asked to audition for a new system in the area fresh from Toronto called African Star.

Stewart Brown, the owner of the set, was so impressed with the young Capleton, he immediately hired him. “I'll always be grateful to Stewart

for believing in me and giving me a chance to prove myself,” Capleton acknowledged.

Eventually, he got his first major big break in Toronto, Canada. He may have been an unknown up against big names like Ninjaman, Floung, and Colin Roache, but he knew he was ready. His first album, *Bumbe Red* was produced by Fatis, a well known producer. From there his popularity catapulted.

Now on stardom's fast track, the dance hall circuit begged for as much Capleton as it could get. At 1990's Reggae Sunsplash festival he was so impressive he scored seven, encores for his scintillating performance. From that day on he's been a major dance hall player.

He's toured the U.S., Canada, Japan, and of course the Caribbean, gaining the admiration of millions of loyal fans and re-establishing mass interest and support for ‘90s culture-based music.

Capleton's dedication to the righteousness of the Rastafari religion, which, he's proud to say positively changed his life, is the direct result of the teachings and lives of great Black leaders such as Marcus Garvey, Emmanuel and Haile Selassie, who are often paid tribute to his songs, including the 1994 classic *Dis Marcus*.

When Def Jam CEO Russell Simmons discovered he had a shot at signing Capleton he didn't hesitate. “For a real artist it's about being true to Jah, your self, and your art. And, starting with four new albums seeks to do nothing less. ‘The Almighty,’ Capleton concluded, “has made it my destiny to help keep Rasta and roots culture alive and strong through my music, my lyrics and my life.”

Arts education grant application available

TRENTON—The New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA) has announced that applications for ‘95/96 Artists in Education (ALE) Program will be available beginning December 1st. ALE is a statewide

program, jointly funded by NJSCA, the National Endowment for the Arts, and local school districts.

Application forms are for use by both school and artists who desire resident artists, and by artists wishing to

conduct residencies.

The deadline for artists and schools to apply is February 1, 1996. To receive an application contact the NJSCA Arts Education Office at 609-292-6130.

Newark Library celebrates centennial of Red Badge of Courage

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library and the New Jersey Institute of Technology are undertaking a multi-media humanities project—from a literary and historical perspective—illustrating the life and work of Newark-born novelist Stephen Crane. The project explores Crane's role as an innovator in American literature and his durable legacy and com-

prises of three elements: an exhibition, a conference, a film festival.

The project also marks the centennial celebration of *The Red Badge of Courage*, Crane's epic war novel known for its remarkable portrayal of the psychology of the soldier in combat. The celebration also portrays New Jersey's major role in Crane's brief

life, emphasizing his early years in Newark and his stint at the Ashbury Park news bureau. The project was funded by grants from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, the New Jersey Historical Commission, and the Friends of The Newark Public Library. For more information on celebration events call 201-733-7734.

Notable Hispanics featured in Hispanic bio dictionary

DETROIT, MI—What do Juan Ponce de Leon, Rita Moreno, Luis Aparicio, Antonia Novello, Pablo Casals, Rita Hayworth, Oscar Arias Sanchez, Seve Ballesteros, and Selena have in common? They are among 470 notable Hispanic men and women from the 15th century to the present included in the *Dictionary of Hispanic Biography*, new from Gale Research.

The reference presents biographical data on people who have created the broad outline of Hispanic history and who have made an impact in their own time by the force of their person-

alities and accomplishments. While 70 percent of the entries focus on contemporary or twentieth-century individuals, the balance of the entries center on historical figures from earlier periods.

The 470 notable Hispanics chosen for inclusion in the book were selected by a six-person advisory board from a list of over 700 names. Whenever possible, information was gathered directly from the entrants to ensure complete, accurate, and current data. The dictionary is available by calling Gale Research at 1-800-877-GALE (4253).

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Qualifies to write screenplay for Ditchdigger's Daughter

LONGBRANCH—Longbranch resident and screenwriter of *Tuskegee Airman*, Paris Qualles has been commissioned to write the screenplay for the movie *The Ditchdigger's Daughter*, based on the book.

AFROPHOBIA: Journey Into Fear

JERSEY CITY—On Thursday, November 30 and Friday, December 1, at 8 p.m., Common Boundaries Gallery presents the second installment in a series of TheatreArts, *AFROPHOBIA: Journey Into Fear*. The series confronts racial stereotypes and is written and performed by Jersey City resident Stephen D. Coleman, with original music by Terry L. Gamble.

Based on a variety of historical documents and records, *AFROPHOBIA: Journey Into Fear* has very serious undertones, but is presented with the pace and energy of a television variety show. Through the recreation of selected historical events, the series explores the birth and growth of racism, beginning with the landing of Europeans in Africa, and ending just after the Civil War. In the course of the series, Coleman portrays over 40 real life and fictional characters—men and women, African Americans, Europeans, Native Americans, rich, poor, and middle class. Author/Performer Stephen Coleman has written extensively about black history and culture for publications such as *Black Masks* and *The New York Amsterdam News*. His theater credits include *Jesus in Godspell*, and *Crooks in Of Mice and Men*.

Since seating is limited reservations are strongly recommended. For reservations, call 201-333-0949; general information, call 201-434-6724. The Boundaries Gallery is located at 66 Mercer Street.

BUSINESS

BUSINESS CALENDAR

THRU NOVEMBER 30
BOSTON—Field & Sales Force Automation Conference. For more info and a free brochure call 508-470-3880 or fax 508-470-5526.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
CRAWFORD—Trust and Estate Planning course at Union County College at 6:30 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7800.

CRAWFORD—Asset Diversification course at Union County College at 6:30 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7800.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30
NEWARK—International Business Over Breakfast at The Newark Club at 8:30 a.m. For more info call 201-242-6237, ext. 223.

WASHINGTON, DC—Training Education in Business & Consumer Media at the Washington Vista Hotel. For more info call 212-779-3200.

THRU DECEMBER
FAIRFIELD—Computer Competence Seminars at Data Quest Systems. For more info call 201-985-8723.

THRU DECEMBER 14
HACKENSACK—Training for Trades and Technology nine-week course at Bergen County Technical Schools. For more info call 201-343-6000, ext. 2293.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1
EDISON—The New Jersey Service & Contractors Expo at the Edison Center. For more info call 1-800-419-7775.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5
NEWARK—The Annual Meeting of the Regional Business Partnership will be held at the Newark Airport Marriott Hotel.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
SECAUCUS—Business Success Trade Show and Expo at the Meadowlands Hilton from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. For more info call 201-737-1484.

DECEMBER 13 - 16
NEW ORLEANS—MagMarketplace '95 at the Marriot Hotel. For more info call 201-529-4312.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
SOMERVILLE—Raffian Valley Community College Center for International Business & Education presents: New Jersey Business Opportunities in the Mexican Market. Congressman Richard Zimmer will be the guest speaker.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26
HOBOKEN—Business and Professional Mixer. Network with other in your field or in related fields and develop preferred contacts. For more info call 201-788-1344.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
UNION—Union County Economic Development Corporation is holding The New Jersey Small Business Development Center Network workshop on How to obtain a Micro-loan for businesses in Union Counties. For more info call 908-247-2356.

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American minority professionals garner top British awards

NEW YORK, NY—Five young American minority professionals, including three women, will travel soon to Britain as winners of awards which will give them experience of London's financial industry.

The Fellows, Terrence Alford, Deirdre Guice and Jackie Tucker were chosen by the City Fellows Program Committee after an open, national competition and a personal interview.

The Committee's national nominator network, which included leading business schools, the constituent colleges of the United Negro College Fund, leading banks and finance houses, the National Association of Securities Professionals and prominent figures in the African-American and Latino business communities, put forward several dozen candidates from which 13 finalists were chosen for interview.

The City Fellows Program, which is backed by some of New York and London's top financial companies, gives young minority Americans, up to a year's work experience

with some of the City's leading finance houses. Winners will join Thorntons, JP Morgan, the Bank of Scotland, National Westminster Bank and Morgan Guaranty Trust.

The first Fellowship, the 1994-95 Thorntons City Fellowship, was announced in October of last year. The winner was Brian Jones, a young African-American graduate of New York City public schools and Harvard University. Jones is currently completing the final stages of his Fellowship at Thorntons' office in Hong Kong.

In 1995, several other British and American financial institutions have followed Thorntons' lead and have decided to give international professional development opportunities to young American minority professionals. The companies are National Westminster Bank, the Bank of Scotland, JP Morgan and Morgan Guaranty Trust.

Founded in 1993 by the Rt. Hon. Lord Walker of Worcester, Chairman of Thorntons, the British asset management company, and Chair-



Fellowship recipients are accompanied by Hon. Lord Walker. (l-r) Terrence Alford, Jacqueline Tucker, Constance Cribbs, Deirdre Guice and Jose Claxton.

Photo by Helena Gasciune

man of English Partnerships, and former Secretary of State for Wales, is designed to offer practical experience in

financial services in the City of London and, where possible, elsewhere in the United Kingdom, the European Union and Asia to young Ameri-

can minority professionals. The program is administered by the British Consulate-General in association with the National Urban Fellows Inc.

United Jersey Bank launches minority lending group

EDISON—United Jersey Bank's Minority Lending Group was launched with the intention of increasing the availability of banking services in the minority owned businesses in New Jersey communities. And is the focal point of United Jersey's Minority Business Loan Outreach Program.

Led by Sy Henderson, regional vice-president Minority Lending, the group works with a variety of community organizations in mentoring programs, business-development seminars and church-related programs to identify and assist minority-owned businesses.

Small business seminars conducted by the bank bring together United Jersey lenders, attorneys, specialists to create business links and provide one-on-one counseling for minority entrepreneurs.

In addition, the bank maintains a growing database of advisors who, together with the staff of the Minority Lending Group, are available to conduct prospective borrower counseling. Counseling includes advice on developing business plans, applying for credit, setting long-range goals, financial management, assessing expansion opportunities and other issues associated with sustained

business growth and long-term success.

"Minority businesses represent an increasingly important market that requires access to capital and banking services in order to reach its full potential," says Henderson.

About half of the loans the bank made to small businesses in Central New Jersey in 1994 were to minority owned firms.

United Jersey Bank has also made a commitment to small business customers with less than \$2 million in annual sales. Statewide, more than \$60 million in loans during 1994 went to businesses with annual sales of \$2 million and under.

For additional information on the lending group please call Sy Henderson at 908-438-7208.

Joshua I. Smith to keynote NMBC awards luncheon

Joshua I. Smith, chairman and CEO of the Baltimore-based MAX-IMA Corporation, a computer systems and management information products and services firm has been selected to be the luncheon chairman and keynote speaker at the National Minority Business Council's (NMBC) 16th Annual Business Award Luncheon.

Smith, a renowned lecturer, served as chairman of President Bush's U.S. Commission on Minority Business Development. In addition, he was appointed by the Presi-

dent to the Executive Committee of the 1990 Economic Summit of Industrialized Nations.

The goal of the luncheon is to honor the achievements of minority businesses and to acknowledge the commitment of major corporations to minority business development.

The event will be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Manhattan on Thursday, February 22, 1996. For ticket information, please call John Robinson at 212-573-2385. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

I had to make my own living and my own opportunity. Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come; you have to get up and make them—Madame C.J. Walker

Seton Hall renews agreement with Beijing business university

SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall University and the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) of Beijing, China, recently marked the 15th anniversary of their collaborative relationship by renewing their agreement.

The two universities recommitted themselves to fostering a better understanding of the cultural and business environment of the United States and the People's Republic of China through the continuation of their established faculty and student activities. They also plan to establish new initiatives, responding to the needs of the global community in the 21st century.

Reverend Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., president and chancellor of Seton Hall University, and Sun Weiyuan, president of the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, signed a commemorative resolution in a ceremony at Seton Hall.

The two schools have a faculty exchange and joint research by faculty members. Visiting UIBE scholars provide lectures to the New Jersey business community as well as to Seton Hall classes.

Seton Hall students have the opportunity to visit China for four to six weeks while earning credits in the June-in-China program.

Former New Jersey Governor Brendan Byrne was one of the guests at the ceremony. Byrne was a member of the joint New Jersey and Seton Hall delegation which went to China 15 years ago.

As a result of the trip, New Jersey signed its sisterhood relationship with China and Seton Hall signed its agreement with UIBE.

UIBE is sponsored by China's Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, which controls Chinese international economic relations and trade.

Free year-end tax planning brochure available

ROSELAND—To help consumers develop a tax-saving plan, the New Jersey society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) is offering a free brochure entitled 20 Ways to Reduce Your 1995 Taxes.

In addition to outlining tax change-

es that take effect in 1995, the brochure provides proven strategies for trimming taxes and a chart of 1995 tax rates for estimating your tax liability.

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"Irish" TV. Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.) says, "It's junk and we ought to call it that." A Michigan State University study analyzing the content of daytime talk TV says, "Guests on the shows are introduced as female, young white, And, there are an average of 16 'disclosures' per hour show - about sex, abuse, criminal activity and personal problems such as addiction." Statistics show that on the Fox Network African Americans are more often the tragic figures portraying dysfunctional lives.

—WASHINGTON, DC

GOP BEATS BLACK DEMOCRAT IN RACE FOR LOUISIANA GOVERNOR

A white Louisiana State Senator, Mike Foster, who switched to the Republican party to run for the Governor's Mansion easily defeated black Democratic Congressman Cleo Fields in the race. Foster, 65, won 60 percent of the vote over the 52-year-old Fields. While the race was introduced as a "jungle" where crime was out of control, Fields retorted that Foster should have repudiated the comment saying the comment was, "An insult to the people of New Orleans as to be a candidate for governor say they live in a jungle." Foster contested that he was talking about the criminal control of the city and that "for the time being there is not under control." Former candidate for governor David Duke endorsed Foster.

—NEW ORLEANS, LA

MISTRIAL DECLARED IN DON KING CASE, BUT EXPECT RETRIAL

A U.S. district judge in New York City recently declared a mistrial in the Don King insurance fraud case. After being discharged, about half the jurors speaking to the press indicated an almost 50-50 split among the 12. King was being tried on nine counts of fraud stemming from charges that he padded by \$350,000 an insurance claim that was filed after a 1991 Joe Nasar Chavez bout was canceled. A hearing for the retrial is scheduled for Oct. 28, 1995. Reports are that six jurors wanted to convict King, five favored acquittal and one was undecided. —NEW YORK, CITY

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Meetings successes of Farrakhan and Chavis, lesser-known leaders have been given more stature and respect in the black movement. But, to the people who are used to going to the same old faces for comments and direction, change comes hard.

In its attempts to highlight the summit and black leadership, Black Entertainment Television (BET) held a nationally televised town hall-patterned meeting at the historic U Street Lincoln Theater. But due to what some labeled as BET's "black media mentality," many of the "lesser-known" activists at the meeting showed their disapproval of BET's selection of "leaders" to be seated as spokespersons. Seated on the stage were familiar figures such as: Farrakhan, Chavis, Jesse Jackson, Joseph Lowery of the Southern Chris-

tian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the Urban League's Hugh Price and Cornel West of Harvard University.

The members of the audience grew restless with the lack of attention they were receiving and "long-winded remarks" of panelists and started shouting. "They're doing a whole lot of preaching," and "Let's go to the questions." One questioner, for instance, challenged Jackson on what he had really accomplished. And when West later tried to defend Jackson, he drew himself it remains to be seen whether the excitement of the Million Man March will cause Black Americans to contribute to the proposed development fund.

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LIMITED JOBS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

has contributed some \$140 million to the country's treasury since it was legalized in 1989.—ACCRA, GHANA

South Africa could see an economic growth rate of three percent in 1996, according to Johan Louw, chief economist of the insurance giant SANLAM. Louw estimated an 8.5 percent drop in the country's rate of inflation for next year in his latest economic survey. He said positive developments could both sharpen the recovery of local investment and rapidly expand South Africa's manufacturing sector. Although a salary increase of 11 or 12 percent is expected next year, the number of jobs created will be limited, Louw said.—JOHANNESBURG, S. AFRICA

PRIVATELY-OWNED POST NEWSPAPER GOES DAILY

Zambia's outspoken biweekly, *The Post*, has gone daily. The privately-owned newspaper was launched as a weekly in July 1991 at the height of countryside agitation for multi-party politics. It immediately became a leading critic of former president Kenneth Kaunda's one party rule. *The Post* fast gained favor among multi-party democracy campaigners, a coalition of trade unionists, academics, and some rebels from the Kaunda camp. The newspaper turned bi-weekly in November 1993. Among shareholders are prominent members of President Frederick Chiluba's cabinet, including finance minister Ronald Penza. Penza and Enock Kavindile, finance chairman of the Movement for Multi-party Democracy, earlier this year threatened to withdraw their shares from the newspaper after they accused it of being too critical of the government.—LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

AIDS KILLS TWO KENYANS DAILY

Two people die of AIDS in Kenya every day, an expert recently revealed in Nairobi. During the launch of the video *The Silent Epidemic*, Martin Kayo, head of the Kenyan National AIDS control program, said 70 percent of all HIV/AIDS cases worldwide are in Africa. "Social and economic problems, poverty, and civil wars in parts of Africa have contributed to the wild spread of HIV/AIDS," Dr. Kayo said. The video, produced by a local media personality aims to create awareness about the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases, particularly the role they play in the transmission of the HIV virus, which causes AIDS.—NAIROBI, KENYA

Voter registration

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launched the National Voter Empowerment Program in order of recruiting more than 7 million unregistered African-Americans.

Dr. Dorothy I. Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women, said, "In my memory, this is a historic first. Never before have African-American women heading different national organizations come together and taken a national leadership initiative, supported by African-American men, to organize a voter education, registration, get-out-to-vote campaign with a major focus on the black family."

Likening the present political climate to that of 1877 "when Negroes were disenfranchised and their freedoms restricted," Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, Chair of the National Political

Congress of Black Women, said the coalition's efforts were "urgently needed to bring about the end of this political turmoil."

Faye M. Anderson, Executive Director of the Council of 100, a Washington based organization of black Republicans, said, "African-Americans must use the considerable leverage that we already have to advance our electoral strength. The strategic and informed exercise of our vote will ensure that never again will a political party take us for granted."

The coalition's national coordinator is Geraldine P. Boykin, who has served as a field organizer for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees for 25 years. Ms. Boykin promised an aggressive campaign that will enlist the aid of the black church, black college sororities and other organizations with large constituencies to mobilize women nationwide in voter education, registration and retention efforts.

Along with the NAACP, the coalition plans to aggressively publicize the Voting Rights Law of 1993—also known as the "Motor Voter Law"—which went into effect last Jan. 1.

The new law allows citizens to register to vote at the same time they apply for a driver's license, food stamps, or aid to children or the handicapped.

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Camden crime rate

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tendent of NJ State Police, convened a meeting of 14 law enforcement agencies to discuss Camden. The crime-fighting agencies agreed to cooperate in a number of ways.

"While we should not tip our hand to criminals by providing too much information, we can say we will be increasing the visibility of police officers on Camden's streets," says Gov. Whitman. "We will be targeting juveniles who commit violent acts. And we will beef up the efforts of an existing homicide task force."

In recognition that many crimes are committed by those under the influence of alcohol, the State Police, Criminal Justice and the NJ Division of Alcohol Beverage Control have initiated alcohol enforcement activities, including under drinking sweeps throughout the city, the Gov. continued.

In the long term, statewide Juvenile Justice Initiatives will have a significant impact on Camden's crime rate. According to the Governor, "Today, we have only a limited number of available options for dealing with juvenile delinquents. Because we lack detention facilities and have not developed alternative placements, young offenders return to the streets with little or no intervention. The

Fury for Senate

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paign once they have heard our message."

Without saying what fund-raising activities he would host, Fury stated that he will do the best job he can in raising funds to run like any other candidate.

But what is important about the whole attempt is that African Americans must begin to play on the statewide, national and international level. And this is why to ever accomplish that is to try.

"I have six months and five thousand miles, and at the end of that time if it is God's willing, then I will be successful."

new system will provide a broad range of sanctions and services, including early intervention, community-based supervision, boot camps and after care programs."

Regarding overcrowding at the local detention facility, Whitman also reported that the NJ Department of Corrections is working with local officials to make space as necessary through reassignment of inmates in various facilities.

"Working together, Camden City officials, state officials and the many other law enforcement agencies should be able to make Camden's streets safer."

Cathedral Cafe Restaurant opens in Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY—The Cathedral Cafe Restaurant located in downtown Perth Amboy recently held its grand opening reception for the community. The restaurant is an outgrowth of the vision 2000 initiative of Second Baptist Church. The Cathedral in Perth Amboy and the Cathedral Community Development Corporation.

This restaurant is the first economic development project of the Cathedral Community Development Corporation's Faith Enterprises Division. The renovation of the restaurant has employed local contractors and suppliers and once open the restaurant created 10 full time and 17 part time jobs.

The first group of employees includes 13 people who were unemployed prior to their employment at the restaurant. Of the 13, two will be coming off welfare and one is currently a homeless man.

In addition the restaurant will be a training ground for youth development. Youth between 15-19 will work in the restaurant in the Youth Employment Success program which provides entry level positions and apprenticeships in the kitchen, dining room and front office support.

African briefs

SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST OIL PRODUCTION BEGINS NEXT YEAR

South Africa will begin crude oil production for the first time in March next year. Pk Botha, South African Minister of Energy Affairs, announced that production over a three-year period could amount to 13 million barrels, which would yield an income of approximately \$220 million. Production will be on the southern cape coast of South Africa in the E-BT offshore oil field. The high standard oil from the E-BT field is similar to Brent Oil from the North Sea, and will produce six percent of South Africa's oil needs. "The estimated life of the E-BT oil field is from three to five years."

—PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA

UN 50TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY COULD SHUT-DOWN UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations 50th General Assembly could be forced to shut down some of its operations unless member states clear financial arrears amounting to \$3.4 billion, according to officials. "There is no alternative. The UN ability to function is being hampered by financial problems," said a UN release last month. "Unless member states quickly pay their overdue budget assessments, the UN will begin shutting down," the statement added. UN records show that at least 60-member nations have not been paying their dues. The U.S., for example, owes \$1 billion, and Russia owes \$500 million. Fifty other countries, mostly from Africa, owe the remainder of the arrears. Financial problems for the 186-member organization have escalated in the last few years due to peacekeeping operations and observer missions in the world's trouble spots. The UN, which has 16 active peacekeeping forces currently in operation and employs 60,000 people worldwide, has been asked to trim its workforce.

—UNITED NATIONS, NY

WORLD BANK TO SUPPORT GHANA'S MINING SECTOR

The World Bank will disburse \$12.3 million in a five-year project to ensure the environmentally sound development of Ghana's mining sector, according to an official document released recently. Under a project launched in Accra, small-scale miners are to be assisted in developing techniques and mechanisms that will improve their productivity, financial viability and environmental impact. They will also be assisted in repairing and rehabilitating areas degraded by their operations. Miners are Ghana's highest foreign exchange earner. Its small-scale sector

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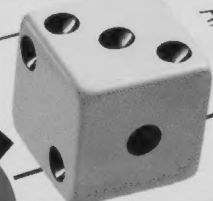
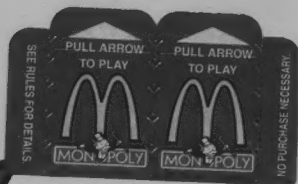
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